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OVERVIEW

- Abhay Venkatesh is a *Tech Lead* at Anduril Industries, where he focuses on Autonomy Infrastructure, Simulation Infrastructure, Command-And-Control, and Lattice

- Abhay is mentored by **Jared Newman**, *Head of Platform* at Anduril, and **Nabil Enayet**, *Group Lead for Platform* at Anduril

- Prior to his Tech Lead role, Abhay worked directly under **Brian Schimpf**, *CEO and Co-Founder of Anduril, and ex-Director of Engineering at Palantir*, on Perception problems ranging from Edge Inference, Quantized Learning and Inference, to Object Detection and Mapping

- Abhay graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with *Distinction and Departmental Honors with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Sciences and Mathematics*

- At the University of Wisconsin-Madison as an *Research Assistant*, Abhay worked on Computer Science research, focusing on Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Robotics, Human-Computer Interaction, Internet of Things, and Big Data Systems

- For his Machine Learning and Computer Vision Research, Abhay was advised by **Dr. Vikas Singh**, *Professor of Computer Science and Bioinformatics* at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

- For his Big Data Systems Research, Abhay was advised by **Dr. Shivaram Venkataram**, *Assistant Professor of Computer Science* at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

- For his Human-Computer Interaction and Robotics Research, Abhay was advised by **Dr. Bilge Mutlu**, *Professor of Computer Science* at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Abhay has also worked at Facebook as a *Software Engineer Intern* on the News Feed Integrity Team, where he worked on machine learning, modeling, and product to improve the quality of the Facebook News Feed

- At Stanford University, Abhay was a *Research Intern* working on Robotics, Human-Computer Interaction, and Software Platform research advised by **Dr. Wendy Ju**, and **Dr. Michael Bernstein**

- In High School, Abhay was the *Valedictorian* for his breadth of excellence ranging from music and competitive quizzing to academics and entrepreneurship

EXPERIENCE

Anduril Industries   Irvine, CA
Software Engineer   May 2019 —

- Command-And-Control Product Architecture
- Simulation Infrastructure Architecture
- Mission Autonomy Architecture
- C++ Infrastructure Architecture
- Systems Software - Hardware Images
- Perception
    * Mapping
    * Object Detection
    * Quantized Learning and Inference

University of Wisconsin-Madison   Irvine, CA
Research Assistant   September 2016 — May 2019

- Machine Learning and Computer Vision Research under Dr. Vikas Singh focusing on Novel Activation Functions, Semantic Segmentation, and Computer Vision for Drones
- Robotics and HCI Research under Dr. Bilge Mutlu focusing on Collaborative Industrial Robots
- IoT Research at the IoT Lab focusing on Computer Vision and Smart Homes

Facebook, Inc. Menlo Park, CA
Software Engineer Intern May 2018 — August 2018

- News Feed Integrity Team
- Common Ground - built data models and analytics dashboards for i8n launch
- Polarization - built new ranking algorithm based on an unsupervised model, ran experiment on 1% of Facebook's users
- Article Context - built article-to-context mapping system with 99% precision and 99% recall
- Received full-time return offer

Stanford University Stanford, CA
Research Intern June 2017 — September 2017

- Multi-Robot Interaction project under Dr. Wendy Ju
- Daemo, a crowdsourcing platform, under Dr. Michael Bernstein

Startup at Top Business School
Product Manager Intern May 2016 — August 2016

- Market research, pricing analysis, competitive analysis
- UX research, helped identify improvements to reduce attrition by 15%

Education

Stanford University Stanford, CA
Computer Science (Non-Degree) *Summer Session (GPA 4.0)*

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
B.S. Computer Science *Admitted but did not enroll*

University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI
B.S. Mathematics, Computer Sciences (Honors) *Graduated with Distinction*

Publications

Generating Accurate Pseudo-Labels in Semi-Supervised Learning and Avoiding Overconfident Predictions via Hermite Polynomial Activations, CVPR 2020

Generating Accurate Pseudo-labels via Hermite Polynomials for SSL Confidently, Best Student Paper at MMLS 2019

Nondecomposable Data Dependent Regularizers offer Significant Performance Gains, DeepMath 2019

Optimizing Nondecomposable Data Dependent Regularizers via Lagrangian Reparameterization offers Significant Performance and Efficiency Gains, AAAI 2019, Ranking method on the Microsoft COCO Leaderboard

The Case for Unifying Data-loading in Machine Learning Clusters, HotCloud 2019, In Collaboration with Microsoft Research

Learning View Invariant Semantic Segmentation for UAV Video Sequences, SDM 2018, In Collaboration with American Family Insurance

Test Scores

GRE Composite *99th Percentile*
GRE Analytical Writing *99th Percentile*
GRE Verbal Reasoning *98th Percentile*
SAT Math *97th Percentile*

Stanford CS 161 *Design and Analysis of Algorithms*

UW-Madison CS 838 *Graduate Learning Methods in Computer Vision*
UW-Madison CS 766 *Graduate Computer Vision*
UW-Madison CS 760 *Graduate Machine Learning*
UW-Madison CS 744 *Big Data Systems*
UW-Madison CS 564 *Database Management Systems*
UW-Madison CS 540 *Artificial Intelligence*
UW-Madison CS 537 *Operating Systems*

UW-Madison Math 531 *Advanced Probability Theory*
UW-Madison Math 525 *Linear Programming*
UW-Madison Math 521 *Analysis I*
UW-Madison Math 522 *Analysis II*

AWARDS

Edison Award	USA
Awarded to Anduril for the Ghost Product which Abhay contributed to	2021
Best Student Paper	USA
Midwest Machine Learning Symposium	2019
Cornell, Maryland, and Max Planck Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship	Germany
Internationally recognized award, fully-funded seminar at the Max-Planck Institute	2018
Hilldale Undergraduate Research Fellowship	Madison, WI
Research award and funding	2018
Phi Kappa Phi Nominee	Madison, WI
Top 7.5% of all juniors	2018
Course Citation	Madison, WI
CS 564: Database Management Systems	2018
The Hub CS Club Coding Competition	Madison, WI
1st place	March, 2017
Award Winning Exhibit	Madison, WI
Wisconsin Engineering EXPO	March, 2017
Dean's Award of Excellence	Madison, WI
Awarded to Madison Enactus of which Abhay was the VP of Technology	2016
Best Social Entrepreneurship Project, Transcend	Madison, WI
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John W. Jung Memorial Scholarship	Madison, WI
Awarded by UW-Madison for leadership, excellence, and service.	2016
Dean's List	Madison, WI
University of Wisconsin-Madison	2016
High School Valedictorian	
To the best overall student	December, 2014
National 3rd Place in Top Tech Quiz	
Prestigious national award out of 15,000 participants across the country	December, 2014
Acknowledgement by Head of State	
For Founding a Successful Not-For-Profit	December, 2014
State Recommendation	
For Founding a Successful Not-For-Profit	December, 2014

LEADERSHIP

Judge *Contrary Talent Hacks*	February, 2021
Judge *DubHacks*	October, 2020
Judge *HackThis by HackIllinois*	August, 2020
Judge *GarudaHacks*	August, 2020
President, Co-Founder *AI at UW, ai.cs.wisc.edu*	2017
VP of Technology *Madison Enactus*	2016

Executive *The Hub CS Club*	2016
Chief Technology Officer *Insight Wisconsin*	2016
Executive *Transcend*	2015
Co-Founder *Model United Nations*	2014
Co-Founder *Soccer Cup*	2014
Co-Founder *Student Parliament*	2013
Quizmaster *Top Engineering University*	2013

ORGANIZATIONS

Contrary Talent *Member (˜100 selected out of 2200+)*	contrarycap.com/talent

REFERENCES

Brian Schimpf, CEO and Co-Founder at Anduril Industries, ex-Director of Engineering at Palantir

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Nabil Enayet, Platform Group Lead at Anduril Industries

Dr. Vikas Singh, Professor of Computer Sciences and Bioinformatics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Shivaram Venkataraman, Assistant Professor of Computer Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Theodoros Rekatsinas, Assistant Professor of Computer Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Bilge Mutlu, Professor of Computer Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison